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DCCA URGES ONLINE PROFESSIONAL LICENSE RENEWALS

HONOLULU – The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs (DCCA) announces that more than 7,500 Hawaii engineers, architects, surveyors and landscape architects (EASLA) may now renew their licenses online at www.ehawaii.gov/pvlrenew. The program is a part of the highly successful effort by DCCA to implement efficient online filing procedures for businesses and professionals.

EASLA professionals are required by state law to renew their licenses every two years. During the last renewal EASLA cycle in 2004, more than 2300 licensees (about 38%) renewed their licenses online. DCCA's Professional and Vocational Licensing Division (PVL) reports that in just the first week of this renewal cycle the number of licensees renewing online has already surpassed the total for 2004 with more than 2,400 licenses renewed online.

"We are hopeful the upward trend in online filings will continue as licensees realize that the online process is faster and easier than filling out the paper forms," said DCCA Director Mark Recktenwald.

A renewal postcard notice with instructions for completing the online renewal has been mailed to each current license holder. EASLA licensees who prefer to mail-in their renewal may call 586-3000 to request an application or they can pick-up an application form in person at:

DCCA/PVL Licensing Branch 335 Merchant Street, Room 301 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813 Online renewals will be accepted until midnight on April 30. After that date, renewals will not be accepted online and persons wishing to renew their license must submit the forms by mail or in person.

The development of this online service is part of the State's overall campaign to improve efficiency by implementing electronic government services. Currently ehawaii.gov has more than 30 online applications that residents, businesses and even visitors may use to conduct business with the state government via the Internet.

Hawaii's official Internet portal, ehawaii.gov, is managed by Hawaii Information Consortium, LLC (HIC). HIC works with state agencies to enable them to conduct state business online and improve public access to government information.

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